

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

MEMBERS' SERVICES AND CIVIC CEREMONIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 29 JANUARY 2003

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF HOUSING CONFERENCE HARROGATE: 17-20 JUNE 2003

Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request that the Sub-Committee consider attendance at the Annual Conference of the Chartered Institute of Housing.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Chartered Institute of Housing has advised authorities that the annual conference of the Institute will take place in Harrogate on 17TH - 20TH June 2003. The theme of the conference is "New markets - New Approaches" and the programme has been structured to include specialist sessions on a range of current issues in addition to keynote speakers.
- 2.2 The conference is considered to be relevant to Officers and Elected Members who are involved in housing and this year will discuss a wide range of topics from Market Renewal - Pathfinder progress, Delivering Affordable Homes, Neighbourhood Management, Supporting People, The Future of Inspection , Delivering the Communities Plan, amongst others.
- 2.3 There are a range of housing conferences held throughout the year but it has been the practice to only attend those conferences which offer the maximum advantage to the Authority and the Housing Division. The Chartered Institute of Housing Conference in Harrogate is one of these conferences where representation is recommended.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The delegates fee for this four day conference is £519.00 + VAT.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 It is considered that the conference would be of benefit to the Council and Member attendance is requested.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Conference Brochure from the Chartered Institute of Housing

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